

ARTICLE 89C
SUPPORT OF DEPENDENTS

General Provisions

1. *Purposes.* The purposes of this Article are to improve and extend by reciprocal legislation the enforcement of duties of support and to make uniform the law with respect thereto.

2. *Definitions.* (a) As used in this Article unless the context requires otherwise,

(b) "State" includes any state, territory or possession of the United States and the District of Columbia in which this or a substantially similar reciprocal law has been enacted.

(c) "Initiating state" means any state in which a proceeding pursuant to this or a substantially similar reciprocal law is commenced.

(d) "Responding state" means any state in which any proceeding pursuant to the proceeding in the initiating state is or may be commenced.

(e) "Court" means the Circuit Court of any county in this State, and either the Circuit Court or the Circuit Court No. 2 in Baltimore City; JUVENILE COURTS AND TRIAL MAGISTRATES HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS RESPECTING DUTIES OF SUPPORT; and when the context requires, means the court of any other state as defined in a substantially similar reciprocal law.

(f) "Law" includes both common and statute law.

(g) "Duty of support" includes any duty of support imposed or imposable by law, or by any court order, decree or judgment, whether interlocutory or final, whether incidental to a proceeding for divorce, judicial separation, separate maintenance or otherwise.

(h) "Obligor" means any person owing a duty of support.

(i) "Obligee" means any person to whom a duty of support is owed.

3. *Remedies Additional to Those Now Existing.* The remedies herein provided are in addition to and not in substitution for any other remedies.